

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Spokane County Fire Protection District 10
929 South Garfield Road
Airway Heights WA 99004
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 6, 2022

5:00pm

Commissioner Mericle called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Present

Commissioners Scott Mericle; Commissioner Ken Pegg (via Zoom) and Gordon Hester; Chief Ken Johnson; Deputy Chief Don Malone; Deputy Chief Nick Henry; Deputy Chief Andres Steevens (via Zoom); Lt Rob Sayers and Administrative Director Peggy Callahan.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as mailed.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the November 1 and November 7, 2022, meetings were approved as mailed.

Financial Report

AP Warrants 13631 – 13647 totaling \$15,794.23 were approved. AP EFT/ACH totaling \$338,964.46 was approved. Payroll Warrants 808230 – 808230 totaling \$1,107.25 were approved. PR DD/EFT/ACH totaling \$172,545.78 were approved. October bank reconciliation was reviewed.

Chief's Report

- 5% ahead of last year in 911 calls.
- Ladder testing completed
- 9 Recruits in training heading to Hammer Facility this weekend.
- 3 lateral firefighters this last month
- The 3 new safer hires are in orientation week 2.
- Resident program full and we have a waiting list currently.
- Multiple departments looking at Lid Lift for August 1st.
- Levy lid lift planned for August 1st, Resolution Filing May 12, Ballots mailed July 14th.
- Waiting on WSRB rating.
- SREC fees will remain in place due to the need for future facility upgrades.
- fall newsletter nearing completion
- Annual training plan will be finalized in the next few weeks.
- 2023-1 recruit school being finalized and it looks like we have about 10 or more applications.
- Open House on 12-17 at 10-1

- OK electric working on rebate with Avista to replace parking lot lights
- Working with FAFB to find contractor to remove PFOS/PFOA from 10-5 water system
- Install water filter systems at 10-3 and 10-4 for health and safety
- Entered L&I FIIRE program to improve safety and lower L&I costs
- Indian Village Estates Water Association hydrant training, working on use agreement.
- DNR agreement working on finalizing

6-12 month Short Term Plan

Safer Grant hiring of 3 firefighters

Replace A10-1/ also apply for grant to replace A10-1 giving us options. (In Process)

Replace compressor system and bottles at Station 1 and mobile unit

S10-5 Bathroom to be installed by 2023

Planning for Levy Lid Lift to support (Initiative 1)

Developing options to increase the number of drivers and EMTs to expand St2 Coverage

- Increase volunteer opportunities (Completed with Staffing Station 2 consistently)

3-5 year Strategic Plan

Developing Comprehensive plan (Initiative 5)

Old Business

1. Roundtable Meeting Follow Up – Lt Sayers briefed the board on maintenance department activities. Highlights included: DOT inspections are complete; ladder testing complete; working on maintenance items for facilities.
2. Strategic Plan Timeline Update – reviewed items in strategic plan – mentoring program is underway with lots of assistance from Capt Baughn, working on advanced training classes being offered throughout the county.

New Business –

1. Administrative staff salary review – tabled until January meeting
2. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) application discussion – grant administrator from the county was at meeting to discuss our application for \$1,000,000 low income housing grant award that the district received. Discussion followed.
3. L&I FIIRE Program Agreement – the district entered into the FIIRE program through L&I. Our participation will give us a 10% reduction in our 2023 rates. Commissioner Hester made a motion to approve the district's participation in the program; seconded by Commissioner Mericle. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Commissioner Mericle opened the meeting to public comment.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be January 3, 2023, at 5pm at Station 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.



Scott Mericle, Commissioner
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